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ROUND VI - TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NO. 102

1. DURING MARCH 3 WORKING GROUP I MEETING, MAINLY BETWEEN MATHESON AND LAPTEV, THERE WAS SIDE CONVERSATION BETWEEN TIMERBAEV AND BUCHHEIM. POINTS COVERED AS FOLLOWS:
2. TIMERBAEV SAID MFA HAD BEEN NOTIFIED BY SOVIET EMBASSY WASHINGTON THAT TWO PERSONS HAD APPLIED FOR VISAS TO COME TO MOSCOW FOR PURPOSE OF THESE NEOGITATIONS. HE ASKED FOR MORE INFORMATION SINCE, AS USDEL KNEW, LONG LEADTIME NEEDED TO OBTAIN HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS. BUCHHEIM SAID HE WOULD PROVIDE DETAILS TOMORROW. WHAT ARE DETAILS? PLEASE ADVISE BY OPENING MARCH 4 MOSCOW TIME.
3. TIMERBAEV SAID MOROKHOV STILL ILL, COULD NOT MEET MARCH 3, AND THERE IS NO INDICATION HE COULD MEET MARCH 4 OR 5.
4. BUCHHEIM ASKED IF ANYTHING USEFUL COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED IN MEETING WITHOUT MOROKHOV. TIMERBAEV SAID HE THOUGHT THERE SHOULD BE MEETING MARCH 4 WHETHER OR NOT MOROKHOV AVAILABLE. HE HAD NO IDEAS FOR AGENDA. HE ASKED AGAIN ABOUT LANGUAGE CONCERNING CANISTERS LONGER THAN 10 METERS.

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5. TIMERBAEV THEN SAID HE THOUGHT IT VERY DESIRABLE TO PREPARE "A DOCUMENT" CLEARLY INDICATING IMPORTANT DIFFERENCES SO THAT DECISIONS COULD BE SOUGHT FROM "HIGHER LEVELS". BUCHHEIM ASKED IF TIMERBAEV WAS SUGGESTING SOME KIND OF JOINT REPORT AND EXPRESSED VIEW THAT BEST WAY CLEARLY TO CONVEY REMAINING ISSUES WOULD BE TO CLEAN UP TREATY AND PROTOCOL TEXT, REMOVING AS MANY DIFFERENCES AS POSSIBLE. THEN EACH DELEGATION COULD SHOW ITS AUTHORITIES ACTUAL EXTENT OF AGREEMENT AND SEEK GUIDANCE IF NEEDED. TIMERBAEV SAID HE WAS NOT SUGGESTING SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER ON DIFFERENCES BUT WAS TALKING ABOUT JOINT TEXT WITH DIFFERENCES REDUCED TO MINIMUM.

6. CONVERSATION (WHICH TOOK PLACE INTERMITTENTLY BETWEEN PERIODS OF LISTENING TO LAWYERS) TURNED TO DRAFTS WITH WHICH BOTH SIDES HAVE BEEN TINKERING RECENTLY TO COMBINE US PROTOCOL ARTICLES III, IV AND V INTO SINGLE ARTICLE (SEE MOSCOW 3145, PARA 2). TIMERBAEV SAID IT LOOKED TO HIM LIKE THIS COULD BE DONE TO MUTUAL SATISFACTION; AND HE THEN NOTED THAT TASK OF PREPARING JOINT DRAFT FREE OF MINOR MATERIAL IN BRACKETS WOULD BE GREATLY EASED IF TWO SIDES COULD AGREE ON FORMAT. HE THEN WENT THROUGH LIST OF US ARTICLES AND TICKED OFF THE SUBSTANTIVE CONTENT OF EACH (NOTING, E.G., THAT ARTICLES IX AND X MIGHT ALSO BE CONSOLIDATED) AND SAID HE WOULD TRY TO TALK TO MOROKHOV ON OR BEFORE MARCH 4 AND SEE IF HE IS WILLING TO AUTHORIZE ADOPTION OF US FORMAT, POSSIBLY WITH SOME CONSOLIDATIONS LIKE THOSE HE HAD JUST MENTIONED.

7. TIMERBAEV RETURNED TO QUESTION OF LANGUAGE COVERING CANISTERS LONGER THAN 10 METERS. SAID US LANGUAGE ON THIS, CLEARLY REQUIRING SEPARATE AGREEMENT TO ALLOW CANISTER "EVEN A LITTLE BIT LONGER", COULD LEAD TO US INSISTENCE ON NEGOTIATING AND RATIFYING A WHOLE NEW TREATY OR PROTOCOL RATHER THAN PROCEEDING IN FLEXIBLE AND PRACTICAL MANNER. HE SAID SOVIET SIDE WOULD LIKE SOME IDEA HOW US MIGHT VIEW FORM OF AGREEMENT NEEDED FOR CANISTERS, FOR EXAMPLE, A FRACTION OF A METER LONGER THAN 10 METERS VERSUS FORM OF AGREEMENT NEEDED FOR CANISTERS MUCH LONGER THAN 10 METERS.

8. COMMENTS:

A. TIMERBAEV'S REMARKS COULD EASILY BE INTERPRETED AS INDICATING A TENDENCY TO ADOPT US FORMAT; HOWEVER, HE VERY CAREFULLY STOP-
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PED SHORT OF THIS, AND COVERED HIMSELF BY REFERRING TO MOROKHOV AND USING A QUESTIONING STYLE AT SEVERAL POINTS;

B. HIS REFERENCE TO PROBLEM OF LANGUAGE ON LONGER CANISTERS IN CONTEXT OF DISCUSSION MIGHT BE FURTHER ATTEMPT TO SEE HOW MUCH FLEXIBILITY COULD BE RETAINED IN PRACTICE UNDER A PROTOCOL CAST IN US FORMAT.

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